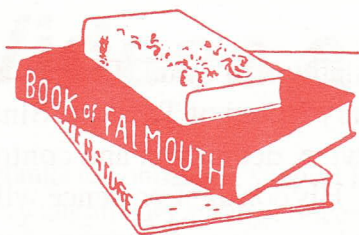


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Friends of the Falmouth Public Library



Newsletter

Summer 1999

Big July Booksale to Become Ongoing Seasonal Saturday Sales

The Friends of the Falmouth Public Library are announcing a big change in our booksale schedule. We have a new chairman, Noel Bray, who has had extensive experience both in the retail book business and the antiquarian trade. Noel's plans involve replacing our one large sale in July, as we have done in the past, with a series of Saturday sales under smaller tents on the library lawn. The hours will be from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. In case of inclement weather the sale will move to the lobby of the library. We have already had a sale on Saturday, June 12th in the lobby and it went very well. Prices were displayed and customers deposited their money in a cash box.

The sales on the lawn will begin on Saturday, June 19th, and members will be called to work 2 hour shifts during that day. Anyone who has signed up to help with booksales will

eventually be called to work one or more Saturdays during July, August and September. If we should miss you and you would like to work, please call Connie Cummings at 548-4983 or Marilyn Sanborn at 548-7791.

We are also looking for special people who would be able to work one or more Saturdays from 9:00 am to 10:00 am setting up the sale or from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm taking down the sale. This job would require loading cartons onto booktrucks and transporting them to the side lawn of the library where the sale will take place. There will be a limited number of cartons and they will all be packed and labelled waiting to be moved. This is a very vital job and if you think that you can help please call Noel Bray at 548-1376.

Library Expands Number of Open Hours

On Thursday July 1, 1999, the Main Library will expand its schedule of open hours, thereby restoring additional hours to the public, and realizing yet another phase in the hours restoration goal of the Library's Long Range Plan. At the Spring Town Meeting, the Trustees requested, and Town Meeting approved, a new Circulation Assistant position for the adult department which will provide the staffing necessary to make library services available to the community for a few more hours per week.

Though much progress has been made on the hours restoration project at the Main Library, a common comment from members of the public has been that they can never remember the Library's schedule; therefore, consistency of hours has become a high priority in determining the new hours, and the Library will start opening at 9:30 every morning Monday through Saturday as of July 1st.

Additionally, there has been more demand for evening hours, not only for general library services but also for library programs which have been somewhat confined by the current 8:30 closing. Starting July 1st, the Main Library will stay open on Tuesdays and Wednesdays until 9:00 pm.

The entire new schedule will be posted for the general public in June. For Friends who wish to know it now, the new schedule at the Main Library as of July 1, 1999 is:

Monday	9:30 - 5:30	Thursday	9:30- 5:30
Tuesday	9:30 - 9:00	Friday	9:30 - 5:00
Wednesday	9:30 - 9:00	Saturday	9:30 - 5:00

We hope to see many of you enjoying the new hours right away this summer but certainly into the year beyond.

Nancy Serotkin, Library Director

LIBRARY TRUSTEES AND FRIENDS BOARD MEET FOR JOINT PLANNING

First, brief notes about the recent election of May 18, 1999. Congratulations to Frank Duffy on his re-election and Dana K. Smith on his election to the Falmouth Public Library Board of Trustees. Sincere appreciation and gratitude to William Munson for over 38 years of his service, dedication and contributions as a Library Trustee including his 25 years as Chairman of the Board. His constant presence will be missed.

On May 4, 1999, subcommittee members from both the Library Board of Trustees and the Friends Board met at the library for the third Joint Planning Meeting. Both Boards decided mutually that this subcommittee would meet twice annually as part of a long range-planning endeavor between the two Boards. These meetings have facilitated greater communication between the Boards and have been an educational process to all involved. Joint planning is an ongoing effort by both Boards to clarify the fundamental yet unique role each group serves working together supporting and enhancing the programs and services provided by the Library for the community.

Both Boards submitted items for the agenda. Reports were made on issues delineated at prior meetings as to their resolution or present status. Discussions included a review of the basic relationships and roles regarding the Library, the State, the Town, the Trustees, the Staff and the Friends. Procedural issues were discussed such as the need for written policies and sufficient orientation for all new Board members as individual members change.

The Joint Meetings are included as part of the Trustees Long Range Plan and the Trustees appreciate the Friends' willingness to participate. All who attended felt the Joint Meeting was successful. The next Joint Meeting will be in the fall.

Ruth McLaughlin, Chairman-Library Trustees

ACTING WORKSHOP for students entering grade 6 and up

This summer the library will offer a one week long acting workshop for students entering grade 6 or up. PJ McKey will teach the workshop. This free workshop will start Monday, July 26th and run for 5 days from 10 am to 12 noon each day. Registration is required so call the reference desk right away at 457-2555 ext.112 to make a reservation for the class.

PJ McKey teaches theater classes at Cape Cod Community College and the Cotuit Center for the Arts. She is currently directing the premiere of "Whistling Pig", a comic mystery play at the Cotuit Center for the Arts.

Through theater games, students will learn to tell a story, learn to express themselves and learn to use their imagination. On Friday, July 30th the class will perform a short play for preschoolers in the Children's Room. This will be an awesome week of theater.

4-H COASTAL EXPLORER

The 4-H Coastal Explorer, a wonderful new marine science educational vehicle operated under the auspices of the Cape Cod Cooperative Extension will visit the Falmouth Public Library on Wednesday, August 4th from 10am-4pm. The hands-on exhibits are designed to educate all ages about Cape Cod's coastal environment. Mark your calendars and bring the whole family and your company too.

Kathy Mortenson, Young Adult Dep't

Videos and CD's



From the Friends

Thanks to continuing support from the Friends, the Library has an outstanding collection of titles on video and compact disk. Supplementing the audio video collection at the Main Library and the Branches has been a priority of the Friends since 1993 when funds were available after their first successful book sale. Since that time the Library has acquired an eclectic collection of video titles encompassing old classics, foreign films, documentaries, popular and educational titles, travelogues, children's films, treasures of British comedy and drama, musicals and filmed theater. Our latest titles waiting to be sampled include "Amistad," "Godspell," "Lady Sings the Blues," "Upstairs Downstairs," "Andrea Bocellini: A Night in Tuscany," "Kolya," "The Postman," "Belle Epoque," "My Best Friends Wedding," "Wuthering Heights," and "Sabrina" with Harrison Ford and the

earlier version with Humphrey Bogart. Children can enjoy new titles such as "Angels in the Outfield," "Bach and Broccoli," "Sarah Plain and Tall," and "Adventures from the Book of Virtues."

The East Branch and North Branch of the Falmouth Public Library are particularly grateful to the Friend's for help with building up their video collections.

The Library's small, but popular compact disk collection received a big boost several years ago with a donation from the Friends. This year's acquisitions include international, jazz, musicals, classical, folk and holiday music. The "Concord Jazz Heritage Series," "Three Tenors, Paris, 1998," "Celtic Lullaby," "Handel's Messiah," "Kind of Blue" by Miles Davis and "Sacred Spirit: Chants and Dances" are just a few of forty titles given to the Library by the Friends this year.

Lynne Lindley, Assistant Library Director

From the Circulation Desk...

The Museum Pass program generously provided by the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library continues to keep the staff members on their toes. Each day the circulation desk handles numerous reservations to insure that families can plan an outing on or off Cape to a museum, plantation or zoo at a reduced rate. Each day patrons walk-in to pick up and drop off their passes and share with the staff the great satisfaction at being able to visit a museum without having to pay full admission. Most recently a note was included within a bookdrop envelope stating:

"Thank you for providing a less costly way for our family to visit the Aquarium this weekend. We had a great day!"

The Friends have added the following two passes to the program this Spring: The Cape Cod Discovery Museum in Dennisport which also allows entry to The Boston Children's Museum as well as the Providence Children's Museum.

The Roger Williams Park Zoo located in Providence, Rhode Island.

The Friends continue to provide memberships to: The Cape Cod Children's Museum, The Cape Cod Museum of Natural History, Heritage Plantation, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, The Museum of Fine Arts, The Museum of Science, New Bedford Whaling Museum, The New England Aquarium, as well as The Plimoth Plantation and Mayflower.

Reservations for these museums are recommended and may be made up to three months in advance. Patrons may call the Circulation Department's extension "0" at 457-2555 during the library open house to reserve their pass. Each household may reserve two passes per month. Passes may be picked up the day before scheduled use and dropped off in the bookdrop (pouch provided) before 10:00am the day after use to avoid late charges. When a change of plans occurs, please call to cancel the reservation as soon as possible so that another family may take advantage of the pass.

A call to the museum to confirm hours and current exhibits is always suggested..

New fliers outlining the entire program are available at the service desks.

On behalf of some 6,000 yearly pass users, thank you to The Friends of the Falmouth Library for your commitment to the Library's Museum Pass program. The program is well utilized and certainly appreciated by creators, discoverers, and seekers of all ages.

Tammy Amon, Circulation Dep't Head

What's Happening with the Children?

The children's department is busy getting ready for another busy summer season. We look forward to seeing our summer friends again and meeting friends and relatives who are visiting our year-round patrons. We have many activities planned to keep children of all ages busy this summer. The theme of our 1999 summer reading program sponsored by the Massachusetts Regional Library Systems is ***Funny Things Happen When you Read.*** The goal of the program is to encourage children to read or be read to during the summer months. Registration is open anytime between June 28 and August 3 so those children who are away part of the summer or who are visiting



**FUNNY THINGS HAPPEN WHEN
You READ!!!**

Falmouth for a short time can join in. When signing up we ask children to decide how much time they would like to read each day. The minimum goal is 20 minutes a day. Small prizes are awarded each week to children who reach their reading goal.

Please stop by the children's department to pick up schedules for the many activities that are planned at the main library and at the branches. Programs include storytelling, juggling, mime, book clubs, crafts, word games and much more. All of our events and activities are free. We are grateful for the Friends support in helping to provide these programs.

Phyllis Eastwood, Children's Librarian

SPECIAL TUESDAY PROGRAMS

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| June 29 | 3:30 & 7:00 | The SUSPENDERS, Juggling Troupe |
| July 6 | 3:30pm | DINOSAUR FUNNY BONES,
Diane Edgecomb-A Storytelling Comedy Fest |
| July 13 | 3:30pm | MIME THEATER, Robert Rivest |
| July 20 | 3:30pm | WHEN THE ANIMALS DANCED,
Bob E. Thomas-Stories and Dance |
| July 27 | 3:30pm | JUST FOR THE FUN OF IT,
Keith Johnson-A Variety Show |
| August 3 | 3:30pm | STORYTELLER & MUSICIAN,
John Porcino |
| August 10 | 3:30pm | ICE CREAM PARTY!!!
Door Prizes, and Entertainment by
MIKE THE BALLOON HATMAN |



ACTING WORKSHOP, MAIN BRANCH (for students grade 6 and up)
July 26, 27, 28, 29 & 30 10:00-12:00 **Registration Requested**

COASTAL EXPLORER VAN, MAIN BRANCH
August 4 10:00-4:00 From the Barnstable County Cooperative Extension

LEARN TO FISH DAY, EAST BRANCH July 22 1:00-3:00 **Call to Register**



Grandparenting 101 *Story Hour for Babies and Toddlers*

A few weeks ago I happened to be at the library on a Friday morning. To my surprise I noticed that a Storyhour for Babies and Toddlers was being held at 10:30. It was almost that time, so I decided to make my way to the Children's Room and investigate. Being a new and first time grandparent made me eager to learn what was going to happen. I need all the help I can get.

The Children's Room was busy with activity. There were some little ones sitting at tables and looking at books while others were working in the puzzle area. Still others were enjoying themselves in and around the red roofed playhouse. As the minutes passed more little children arrived, mostly with their mothers but occasionally with their dads. One or two children came with a grandmother. Some babies came in their parents' arms, some were wheeled in carriages, and toddlers bounded in on their own with great excitement.

When the Storyhour began, the children and those who brought them sat around in a circle. The librarian who seemed to know quite a few of the children, first began with familiar songs like The Wheels on the Bus and Old MacDonald Had a Farm. The children sang along merrily. Although I sat on a bench outside the circle, I couldn't resist joining in with the singing.

Then came the long awaited story. The li-

brarian opened a big book version of Good Night Moon by Margaret Wise Brown. The children eagerly pointed to the various pictures and supplied the rhymes. What a joy to realize a book that had been read over and over to my daughters some thirty years ago was still a favorite.

The next selection was As I Went Walking by Sue Williams. This was new to me but the rhymes, colors and animal illustrations made it an instant favorite of mine as well as the children. It was a delightful book and one I'll be reading to my granddaughter. Before the storyhour ended the librarian led a few fingerplays. It was such fun to recall those I knew from parenting and first grade teacher days like Where is Thumbkin. However the most fun I had was learning Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed. The next time I saw my granddaughter she was enchanted by the motions and voice changes in the fingerplay. Imagine my surprise when I later saw the book with this title by Eileen Christelow.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their time at the Storyhour and so did I. It is a great way to be inspired and encouraged to read to very young children. So, if you happen to be at the library when the Storyhour for Babies and Toddlers is being held and you have young grandchildren, give yourself a treat and join them. You'll become a hit as a grandmother.

- Diana Geigis

Another Peek At The Children's Department

A Visit With Fran Roderick

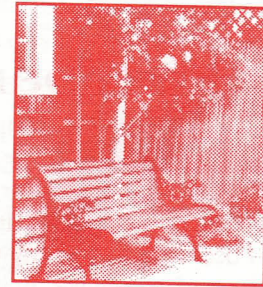
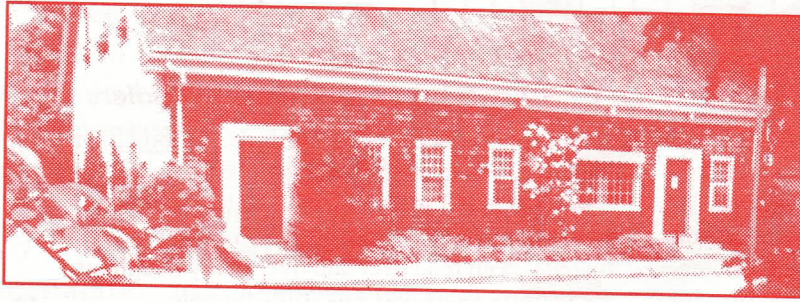
It's always a pleasure to enter the Children's Department at the Main Library. It's a happening place! On my last visit there I had a chance to speak to Fran Roderick. She began working in the Children's Department as a senior aide in 1984 and later went on staff. From her first few words you can tell she loves her work. She is enthusiastic and grateful to be part of such a caring department. She told me that new programs often evolve because the staff becomes sensitive to a particular need. The Baby and Toddler Storyhour is an example of this. One of the staff members had a baby and realized that this type of program would be appreciated and indeed it is.

Then she showed me the large glass display case in the room. It was filled with a large variety of Beanie Babies brought in by the children. The collections to be displayed are often suggested by the children themselves. They undoubtedly are also enjoyed by them.

When I asked her about contributions made by the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library, her eyes lit up. She explained that because so many wonderful things have been given, she couldn't begin to list all of them. However, she did want to show me her favorite. It was a machine used to mend books called ATTABIND 70. She said it mends books quickly and they stay mended. She felt it was truly priceless and was very grateful to the Friends. We're so glad we can help.

- Diana Geigis

Farewell to a Falmouth Landmark



Everywhere I visit for more than an hour or two I have to check out the local bookshops. Lots of other people do the same thing. We are called booklovers, and we are always content in a bookstore. When visiting in Washington, D. C., most people head for the memorials and the monuments. I have my husband drop me off at Chapters and leave me. What a great place, but The Market Bookshop here in Falmouth was more fabulous because it was only five minutes from my home. The ambience was perfect, especially in the winter when there was always a fire burning in the big fireplace. You could sit at the big table and peruse as many books as you pleased. Nobody ever interrupted unless you needed help finding something, and they were endlessly patient with me and the often obscure books I just had to have. I never thought that they would not be there. There will be a gap in the lives of many booklovers in Falmouth. For me it will be a canyon. Caroline and Bill Banks have been long time friends of the Friends and we gratefully made them honorary members several years ago. We will continue to honor them as friends of ours and of the community of Falmouth. They will be sorely missed.

There is clearly both romance and magic in bookshops and both authors and filmwriters have been quick to capitalize on these qualities. Many books and perhaps as many movies have used the bookshop as a centerpiece whether as the theme of the story or as a superficial backdrop. Here are some that have come to my mind in the past few weeks. Perhaps you can add some to my list.



I read Christopher Morley's **Parnassus on Wheels (1917)** when I was a teenager and of course fell in love with it. I think it was the description of the wagon and its coziness that intrigued me. How Helen McGill, a spinster living with her author brother, becomes the owner of a wagon full of books and a horse and dog all in the space of an hour or two provides a rollicking good story filled with some marvelous philosophy about people and books, all provided by The Professor who sells her the wagon. If you feel cheated at the end and want to read more, Morely did a sequel called **Tha Haunted Bookshop (1919)** which moves the story from New England to Brooklyn. I do not think they ever made a movie of it. Perhaps it has too many words and not enough action.



84 Charing Cross Road (1970), by Helene Hanff, was of course both a book and a movie. Hanff is a salty New Yorker and a booklover who enlists the help of the very proper and conservative Marks and Company in London to help her find copies of books she is unable to find in New York. Her correspondence with them about the books she wants and their answers lasted 20 years. Ann Bancroft stars as the humorous, sometimes peevish Helene Hanff, and the incomparable Anthony Hopkins as the patient Frank Doel. There are not many character roles that man can't play, is there?

The Bookshop (1978), a novel by the British Penelope Fitzgerald, tells the story of Florence Green, a kindhearted widow with a small inheritance who risks everything to open a bookshop - the only bookshop - in the seaside town of Hardborough. That name says a lot, doesn't it? The townspeople are a sorry lot. They sometimes reminded me of all those wonderful folks down on **Cold Comfort Farm**, another great book and movie although not about a bookshop.



The Love Letter (1995), a novel by Cathleen Schine, reviewed quite favorably here by your editor a year or two ago, includes a bookshop of course, a mystery and a May December romance. It is now a movie which was shown only on Showtime, a channel I do not happen to have. Judging by The New York Times's review, I need not feel deprived.

We musn't forget the movie **You've Got Mail** starring that all time cute couple Tom Hanks and Meg Ryan. It's about a small bookshop and a large book emporium if I remember correctly. It is supposed to be a remake of **A Shop Around The Corner** starring the 1940's version of that all time cute couple, Margaret Sullivan and Jimmy Stewart. A bookshop is a great deal more romantic than the leather goods store featured in the latter movie but then Sullivan never knew about highlighted hair either.

Lastly, we come to the new movie that was never a book called **Notting Hill** starring that big star Julia Roberts who plays a big movie star in the film. Julia and Hugh are pretty cute too although the travel bookshop where he works functions only as a place for them to meet.

M. Sanborn

UPCOMING EVENTS sponsored by the Friends



In September a new presentation by Professor **Evgenia Vlasova** on *Russia Today: What You Won't Read in the Newspapers* assisted by Mary Palmer. Professor Vlasova's lecture will be held at a date and time to be determined.

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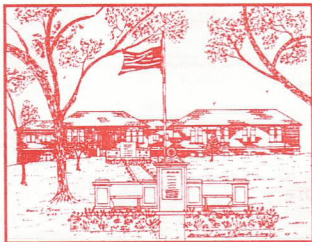
Attention all Fred Douglass students! The bibliography for the Spring course Mr. Douglass taught for Joy of Learning will be available at the Library on a first come-first serve basis by the time you read the Newsletter.

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Wanted: Intelligent, curious, vibrant persons for a whirlwind, **walking tour** of fascinating and often overlooked downtown **Newport, R.I.** Candidates will be following in the wake of non-stop Fred Douglass. Marion Flynn, a professional guide and a member of the Friends, has also volunteered her time and expertise for this venture. A late October date is forecast and priority will be given to Mr. Douglass's class. Cost will be about \$35.00. If you have the stamina and you would be interested, let Mary Palmer know at 540-0394.

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At the Friends' upcoming Saturday Book Sales we will have notecards of the Falmouth Public Library, drawn by Joe Flynn, Marion's husband, for you to look at and buy. They will make an attractive gift for relatives, friends, and summer visitors. Be sure to check out this new fundraising endeavor.

Slate of Offices Elected at Annual Meeting in April 1999

The Annual Meeting of the Friends of the Falmouth Public Library was held on Saturday, April 19, 1999 at the First Congregational Church of Falmouth and the following slate of officers was elected:

President: Marilyn Sanborn
Vice President: Ronald Kelsey
Vice President: Kathleen Murray
Treasurer: Camille Romano
Recording Secretary: Erika Hall
Corresponding Secretary: Louise Carney
Immediate Past President: Ron Scaring
Member-at-Large: Elinor Bullard
Member-at Large: Cliff Duckworth

The following chairmen have been appointed by the president:

Joy of Learning: Mary Palmer
Membership: Beverly Noelte
Booksales: Noel Bray
Nominating Committee: Louise Carney



News from North

North is looking forward to a busy summer with a great selection of videos and books. Story times are on Wednesdays and Fridays. The Summer Craft Hour will be offered again on Mondays. This is for children 8 to 12 years old. A book club will also be offered for 10 to 13 year old. Hope to see you!

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Yes, Count me in! _____ Renewal _____ New Member

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(Exactly as you wish your membership name to appear)

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MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

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_____ \$100 Life Member

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